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Your Submission

29/6/2026

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The landscape and seascape of McLoughlins Beach is currently very untouched and unimpacted by development and human infrastructure, and this is the main reason that we, and many others we know in this town, bought our house here. We appreciate the natural environment, the remote and wild nature of the area, with low human impacts. All areas of the town have pristine views out towards Wilsons Promontory, Corner Inlet, and to the ocean from Ninety-Mile Beach. The town has no shops and very little facilities, and hence, the main reason for people to visit or live in this town is for the natural values of the area.

Our family have viewed the visual model of the turbines from Woodside Beach and McLoughlins Beach town. These visual models demonstrate the very significant visual impact that this wind farm is going to have on the character of our town. We are distressed at the loss of character our town and the surrounding landscape and seascape are going to experience with the placement of these turbines, particularly those in closest proximity to the shore.

We also highlight that the direction from which the models have been made do not fully demonstrate the highest impacts. The view taken from the town is placed in a location where, despite sand dunes in the foreground, the turbines are still highly visible from the jetty area. However, the models fail to demonstrate the wide extent of these visual impacts from many vantage points around the town, and it is difficult to imagine a place in town from which their will not be significant views of the huge turbines – much worse than what is demonstrated on the visual model from the jetty area, which is masked by the sand dunes. The impacts on the views from Ninety Mile Beach at McLoughlins Beach, given closer proximity of the wind farm, will be much more significant than what is demonstrated on the visual model vantage point from Woodside Beach. This will have a highly negative impact on the character of the town, and its enjoyment by the residents, holiday makers and tourists that frequent the area. We believe it risks the future of the entire town.

Furthermore, we are very concerned that the residents of the town have not been sufficiently consulted on the impacts of the wind farm to the town and many are unaware of the significant visual impacts proposed. Although we attended an in-person 'pop-up' consultation at McLoughlins Beach in June 2026, this event was very poorly advertised. The only reason we found out about it was through a Facebook post on the McLoughlins Beach Anglers Club Facebook page. There were no signs or notices in town, nothing on any of the noticeboards around the town, nor leaflet drops. There were few residents present at the pop-up consultation, and we suspect that much of the town's residents and home owners were unaware it was occurring. It also occurred at a time of year of very low visitation (winter). In the five years that we have owned our house in McLoughlins Beach, we have never received any material in the mail or at our residence about the Star of the South, and it was just chance that we were to happen upon the pop-up that made us aware of the significant impacts the wind farm would have on the town. Many other homeowners, and most visitors, would probably be very unaware.

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In speaking with our neighbours, we believe that many residents of our town have no understanding of the significant visual impact the windfarm will have on the character of the town and its surrounding seascape and landscape, having not been made aware of the impacts. People simply assumed that the distance from shore meant the impacts would be small – however the size of the turbines means they are very much visible.

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Regards,

Michael Kaplan and family, McLoughlins Beach.